COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1102.

Monday, the $\frac{29th\ of\ November\ 1926.}{14th\ of\ Vrischigam\ 1102.}$

The first sitting of the legislative session of 1102 commenced in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11—30 a. m. on the 14th of Vrischigam 1102 corresponding to the 29th of November 1926. M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar Avl., M. A., B. L., Diwan of Cochin and the *ex-officio* President of the Council, presided.

All the Members, except Messrs. K. Krishna Menon, Lonappan Chakkola, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, Sreemati T. Madhavi Amma and Mr. K. Sankaran Nambudiri, were present.

The President's Opening Speech.

President.—Members of the Cochin Legislative Council. This is the first meeting of the session we are in, and I wish, in the customary manner, to extend to you a hearty welcome, and to invite your cordial co-operation and support in the discharge of my responsible function as President of this Council. I sincerely hope that the deliberations of the Council will be characterised by the same dignity, orderliness and usefulness which were the remarkable features of the Council during its previous meetings.

Now, I have to proceed with the business of the day. First, we will begin with Questions and Answers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The cashing of cheques in certain treasuries.

1. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) why no cheque is allowed to be cashed or issued by the courts in the Trichur and Ernakulam treasuries between the 25th of every month and the 5th of the succeeding month;

(b) does it not cause inconvenience and loss to the public in general;

(c) to avoid the loss of interest and the delay consequent

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